

GRIFFITH PARKS and RECREATION BOARD

Minutes for the February 10, 2014 meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 111 N. Broad Street in Griffith, Indiana by President, Rob Bubala. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

-Rob Bubala -A.J. Lewis -Gina Smith - Scott Sutton - Al Markut, Park Supervisor
-Rich Muha, School Board Liaison.

Pat Schaadt, Town Council liaison, absent.

A.J. made a motion to accept the January 13, 2014 minutes. Scott Sutton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Claims in the amount of \$2412.58 (two thousand four hundred twelve dollars and fifty-eight cents) were presented. Scott Sutton made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Gina Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All Park Board Pre-meetings will be at 6:00 pm with a post meeting after if necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Rob Bubala reported that our fund report balances are looking decent.

Park Superintendent: Al Markut complimented his men for keeping up with the 40 plus inches of snow. In preparation of mowing season, he would like to redo the big mower.

School Board: Rich Muha reported that the school is taking bids for the new football field.

GSEC – on hiatus until April, but they have been given their fund balance so they can see what dollars they have to work with this year.

Senior Center – No report

Central Market – Kathy Ruesken has been working on a new contract and it has been going out to vendors. The fire department will be making rounds at the market checking vendors for the list of items which they have discovered through training. Kathy Ruesken and Gina Smith have been informed of this so vendors won't be surprised at their appearance at the market.

Bike Trail Connection – Because there have not been enough bidders for this project, Rick Konopasek had to resubmit to INDOT get the bid process started again. Three bids are needed and they are due February 28. The engineering process will take a year and then six to eight months for the construction.

Central Park Bathroom Rehab Proposal Project – The company we paid to get the engineering details is backed up because of the snow conditions. We are a couple of weeks out in getting information on this project.

South Park – Enbridge Pipeline - Rob Bubala reported that we had received a proposal from Kidstuff Play Systems for replacements for the items lost at South Park. Michael Catchur of this company introduced himself and explained that his company currently does all the repair work now on the playground equipment at our parks, has put in some play structures in our parks and delivers and spreads our wood fiber when needed. He explained that Kidstuff would use recycled rubber products at South Park, would use some items that were saved from South Park, and would add an ADA swing. Al Markut inquired as to the amount of mulch the parks used last year. Mr. Catchur replied that about 240 yards in total was used because 1/3 of the wood fiber is lost each year. Some parks put rubber mats under the swings to prevent dips in the mulch. Mr. Catchur suggested that rubber mulch be used at South Park when it is redone; it doesn't have to be replaced just re-raked. Al then noted that the new playground at Franklin has rubber mulch if the board members would like to see it.

The VEST members were recognized and thanked for their help with GSEC, Central Market and Fourth of July Parade.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

Rob Bubala went over the items of unfinished business:

1. Tot Park Basketball Hoops Review – Per discussions last year, the Board has to review the basketball hoop situation at Tot Park. A.J. Lewis commented that no calls have been received at Town Hall regarding the hoops and did not know of any police reports being made. Rob Bubala explained the matter to the VEST representatives who were attending this meeting and they were asked if they were aware of any problems at Tot Park. The men replied that they didn't see cars there late at night, but they knew of one resident who called regularly regarding noise there. Rob Bubala then commented that he would like to hear from the police on this matter and would like the Board to hold off on this matter until the March meeting.
2. Central Market Recommendations-Revised List Review- Some of the original recommendations were rejected and some were modified as follows: The date change was approved – Market will be held from May 3 through Oct. 11, 2014. Higher amounts were raised for the grease violations. The weighting down of the tents was not approved. Gina Smith will be on the Central Market Committee and the July 3 date was approved. The funding going back to the Park Dept. was denied. Rate increase to \$175.00 for the season or \$25.00/week (no contract) was approved. A.J. Lewis moved to accept the modified recommendation list. Gina Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Central Park Clock Maintenance Contract - The clock maintenance contract which had been approved at \$550.00 with one visit per year has been overruled. Clerk Treasurer, George Jerome, has signed a \$795.00 agreement with the Verdin Company. They will come out twice a year for maintenance. Rob Bubala made a motion to accept the contract. A.J. Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD:

Scott Sutton will be getting lease contracts ready for the March meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

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Aaron Pollock, 130 N. Rensselaer, had brought up the fact that the top rails of the fence at the Softball field by the gate and trees have been damaged by snow removal. Al Markut will see what repairs can be done.

Registration is going on now and a late registration will be added. Try outs are scheduled for March 1. Rob Bubala informed Aaron that Scott Davenport is working on a parade primarily for the Griffith Youth Baseball league, but the other leagues may also be invited.

The meeting was adjourned by President Rob Bubala at 7:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Diane Kujawa